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PRINCESS JULIANA

## TIGHTER CONTROL OF EXCHANGE

### Latest Measures By Bank Of China

Shanghai, May 13.—The Central Bank of China, in a measure further tightening the control of foreign exchange, yesterday notified appointed banks (banks authorized to buy and sell foreign exchange) that the importation and exportation of foreign securities will be subject to a new set of rules.

The free movement of such securities will in future be permitted only in special circumstances which have to be demonstrated to the Central Bank.

The new measure will affect shares of those foreign companies above all, which before the war had been registered in Shanghai, since many of these companies converted their capital into foreign currencies in the meantime.

Dr P. H. Ho, Chairman of the Export-Import Board, meanwhile, defended the 50 per cent deposit of licensed exchange imposed on importers in an address before the Foreign Trade Association of China yesterday.

He said the step was "to prevent excessive profits at the expense of the Government." Dr Ho stressed also the necessity for stepping-up exports to get more foreign exchange and conserve exchange by curtailing imports.—Reuter.

### New Chief Of Staff

Nanking, May 13.—The National Government issued a mandate last night, appointing General Ku Chu-tung, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Army, as new Chief of Staff succeeding General Chen Cheng.

General Ku is succeeded in Army Commander-in-Chief by General Yu Han-mou, Pacificland Commander of Chekiang.—Reuter-APP.

### EDITORIAL

## Will Russia Respond?

THE world has been startled by an unexpected exchange of viewpoints between the United States and Russia, regarding their existing relations. The dramatic move, initiated by America, and responded to with surprising willingness by the Soviets, is said to have evoked feelings of relief and new hope throughout the world. If such be the case the reaction serves to underscore the keen appreciation felt everywhere of the extremely tense atmosphere which has developed during recent months. The tension manifested itself in sharp affairs debate when Mr. Attlee deemed it necessary to go out of his way to denounce the inevitability of a third world war even while Mr. Bevin was adopting a markedly firm stand against Britain's relations with and attitude to Soviet Russia. It is natural, therefore, to expect general signs of relief at any sign of conciliation and closer understanding between Russia and the democracies. Nevertheless, it is too early to assess the real significance of the latest U.S.-Soviet move, or to form any judgment as to the likelihood of it producing a tangible improvement in the general political situation.

Mr. Molotov's reply to General Bedell Smith, while expressing a willingness to discuss differences, somewhat painstakingly listed Soviet complaints about "America's intentions" and her "policy of encirclement and warlike threats," and Molotov also found

## Queen Wilhelmina To Abdicate In September

### JULIANA WILL SUCCEED

The Hague, May 12.—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands would abdicate at the beginning of September in favour of Princess Juliana, it was announced tonight.

Queen Wilhelmina made the announcement in a broadcast to the nation. It was only at the request of Princess Juliana, the Queen added, that she had postponed her abdication until after August 31 (her 68th birthday) and the celebration of her Golden Jubilee.

As a reason for her decision, the Queen gave her age and "a decline of the power of resistance and ability to work and of the powers which are indispensable to the spirit in taking responsible decisions in the profound and complicated problems of which there are so many in the present time."

The Queen told the Dutch people: "I have come to the conclusion that not I, but a younger person, must co-operate in my stead to bring to a satisfactory solution the unusual complex of problems which hold us and the whole of mankind in their grip."

She added: "At this moment I hope to resume my duties as Queen on August 30 until after the Jubilee celebrations, when she would abdicate in favour of Princess Juliana.

"You can be assured that I came to this conclusion only after ripe consideration and that only your interests and my feeling of duty were decisive. Beforehand, I passed in review the complicated network of current problems and tried to sound out both these and the difficult circumstances of the times.

#### CONSEQUENCES CONSIDERED

"I have carefully considered all the consequences."

"All these problems have one thing in common: that they will demand our attention for a long time to come."

The Queen continued: "We must together conquer the spirit which manifests itself in the actions and neglect which handicapped the resistance in the war years and even cost the lives of many good Hollenders, and which is still present in our people."

She concluded: "Face the future shoulder to shoulder with Juliana. God bless you and my beloved child."

It was announced earlier this month that the Queen was temporarily laying down her office from Friday for health reasons and

After explaining her reason for the abdication, she added: "I am faced with this sober reality and although I am continually and fully

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Princess Juliana was to act as Regent—as she did in similar circumstances at the end of last year.

#### THE PRINCESS

Princess Juliana is 39 years old. In 1937, she married Prince Bernhard zu Lippe-Biesterfeld, a German prince. They have four daughters. She was born on April 20, 1909, and was educated at the University of Leiden, where she attended as an ordinary student.

At the age of 10, she was made a member of the Privy Council. During the war, the Royal couple left Holland with the Queen to escape kidnapping by the Nazis.

Queen Wilhelmina was born in August, 1880. She became Queen when only 10 years old, on the death of her father, King William III. Her mother was Regent until she became of age in 1900, and ascended the throne.

The House of Orange, of which she is the head, is reputed to be the healthiest family in Europe. But her Court is run on simple, informal lines.

For more than four years, during the war, the Queen lived in England.—Reuter.



QUEEN WILHELMINA

## No Bilateral Talks Between U.S. And Russia Says Marshall

### "ACTION WHERE ACTION IS POSSIBLE"

London, May 12.—Mr George Marshall, the Secretary of State, tonight rejected the idea of a bilateral conference between the United States and Russia—less than 48 hours after Moscow had announced its willingness to enter into such a conference.

In the House of Commons, Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, declared that unless the ground could be cleared first, a conference with Russia "is going to land us exactly where we were after the four-power Conference" (the reference was to the last Council of Foreign Ministers which broke up in London on December 15 last year).

Mr Marshall, who was speaking at his weekly press conference in Washington, said the only way to proceed with a settlement was to tackle outstanding issues in the bodies already set up to deal with them, such as the United Nations Security Council and the Allied Control Commission in Berlin.

"This Government has no intention of entering into bilateral negotiations with the Soviet Government on matters relating to the interests of other governments," he declared in a specially prepared statement. There was a danger of failure in a new conference and "that would do the world great harm."

To a crowded news conference, Mr Marshall declared in a firm voice: "What we want is action in the fields where action is possible and urgently necessary at the present time."

"I refer to the matters before the Security Council and other United Nations bodies, such as the situation in Korea, the questions before the Allied Control Council in Berlin, and the Austrian treaty negotiations, where the utmost difficulties have arisen and difficulties generally resulted."

Mr Marshall said that when General Walter Bedell Smith, the United States Ambassador in Moscow, saw M. Molotov on May 3, he did not ask for any general discussion on negotiations.

"We have had a long and bitter experience with such efforts," Mr Marshall commented.

In London, Mr Bevin said: "If a conference were held and broke down, it would cause such a terrible disappointment in the world."

#### THE DIPLOMATIC APPROACH

"I still believe the ground can be cleared by a diplomatic approach, an exchange of views, and trying to understand what it is that everyone is trying to get."

"There would have to be a good deal of 'putting the cards on the table face upwards' before Britain entered into another conference."

It was not aware of the negotiations between Russia and the United States until he heard the Moscow radio announcement of Russia's agreement to discuss differences with the United States, but he had now been fully informed on the matter by the American Government.

Emphasising his anxiety for peace, Mr Bevin declared:

"But I cannot get peace in the world if I have to ask the Western powers and the powers in other parts of the world to sacrifice their principles and their spiritual beliefs in order to fit in with something with which they do not agree."

Mr Bevin said: "I want to be quite frank. I am not anxious to enter into a further conference until the ground has been cleared. I have had too many failures. A good deal of preparatory work has to be done."

Mr Bevin protested that the clearing of ground for an understanding was almost impossible when Moscow Radio, against diplomatic usage, announced a reply to the United States Government before the latter had received it.

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#### CONFIDENTIAL INTERVIEW

"With regard to General Bedell Smith's confidential interview with the Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, this was directed towards a very definite purpose," Mr Marshall said.

"There has been in this country a confusion of publicity and of statements or speeches relating to our actions and our attitude towards the Soviet Union."

"The number of such statements would probably increase as the political campaign becomes intensified. It was therefore felt to be highly important to distinguish in the minds of the Soviet Government between such statements and the definite policy of this Government which remains unchanged."

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## Bangkok Gold Snatch: Police Recover Three Cases

Bangkok, May 12.—The police have recovered three of the 38 cases of gold, valued at some US\$2,000,000, which were stolen from an international shipment at 5.30 a.m. today in the biggest holdup in Siam's history.

An estimated 25 men, wearing Police Army and Air Force uniforms and holding machine guns, held up the truck in which Customs officers take the India to Macao gold shipment to the airport.

Another truck blocked the gold truck's path at a crossroads. Uniformed men, carrying machine guns and saying they were inspecting the truck for contraband, tied the Customs officers to a tree and drove off. The police later recovered the truck with three cases of gold. The bandits escaped in an automobile with the other 35 cases.

No arrests have been made. The truck driver and Customs officers were questioned.

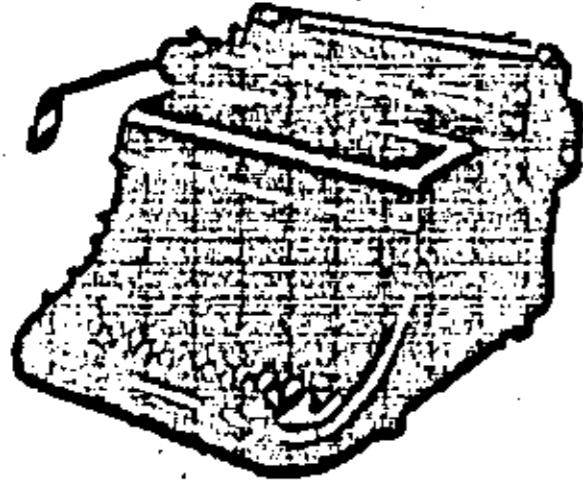
The gold shipment included: Yio Asia Company and Sincars six cases, German Company 12 cases, Allort Cheya Company 18 cases, Arcothal Company one case.

Accompanying the truck at the time of the holdup were Victor Daily, representing Yio Asia and Sincars, in one car, and Customs Inspectors in another car.

The Criminal Investigation Division is investigating the holdup—United Press.

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WHAT clothes are right for travelling? Most women have pet theories, but few will dispute the basic necessities for airplane, train or boat:

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A RAINCOAT because a topcoat of cloth or fur can still get wet.

Best buys this season are the raincoat that will do duty for a topcoat, and the suit that doubles for a dress.

Sigrid has sketched (left) a bolero suit in finely checked black and white wool, the sleeves and collar bound in grey petersham. Under the closely fitting bolero jacket that ends at the waist is a blouse, and a wide suede belt is swathed around the waist. Natural leather gloves match the American styled hat of crocheted natural string.

Over this suit dress goes one of the new contre-plaque raincoats by Delby Coats. Contre-plaque, a chemically processed French material, is neither wool nor cotton, looks like gabardine, and is waterproof. It is made in shades like pearl grey, scarlet, turquoise, gold, off-white, and in tailored and fitted styles as well as the swagger style sketched.

With the coat is worn a travel hat, back drapery keeping the neck and ears warm, and the hair tidy.

**MOTION SICKNESS  
REMEDY**

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

IT used to be thought that motion sickness was largely confined to a very few over-sensitive individuals but, with the development of new forms of high speed transportation, doctors are finding more and more people affected by this traveller's ailment.

There are various types of motion sickness, such as seasickness, air sickness, and train or car sickness. It would seem likely that all of these conditions are due to the same cause, although the exact reason for their development has not been definitely determined.

Connected with the ear are little structures known as the semi-circular canals. These structures contain fluid, and the prevents excessive movement of the fluid in these canals has to do with the maintenance of balance. It is thought that disturbances of these structures may be a factor in the development of motion sickness. Those who are contemplating air trips or a long boat voyage should consult their physicians prior to the relief of this condition.

Many drugs have been tried for the relief of this condition. During the war, this disorder was studied extensively, and many preparations were tried on soldiers and sailors, as well as on men in the air corps.

## Quitting Effect

It was found by many experimenters that a drug known as scopolamine caused a greater reduction in seasickness than any other preparation tried.

Cheaper models are now appearing in the shops, the petticoats being made mainly from coupon-free net, with broad lace or taffeta hem to swish and peep out from under the hem of the skirt.

Petticoats made fashion history in the early 1900's by being the first of women's underclothes to have shoulder-straps instead of sleeves.

**NEW LOOK  
BORROWER**

The New Look fashion, having borrowed blouses, corsets, bonnets and petticoats from grandmother's day, has now taken camisoles also. The only difference between grandmother's camisole 30 years ago and the New Look version is 1940 price.

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**BOY'S AND GIRL'S MAGAZINE****Everyone Was in a Big Hurry**

—They Wanted to See a Sign of Spring—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-around name, was walking down the path when he saw Willy Toad, hopping, skipping and jumping just ahead of him.

"Willy!" shouted Knarf. "Wait for me! Willy!"

Knarf started running after Willy. But Willy was going so fast that he couldn't catch up with him. "He's certainly in a hurry to get somewhere," Knarf said to himself as he kept running along. "I've never seen him go so fast. Something important must be going to happen!"

Presently the path turned and Willy disappeared around it. When Knarf reached the turn in the path, two black beetles suddenly darted out from under a rock.

"Hello!" said Knarf. "Where are you going?"

But the two beetles, without even stopping to answer, went scurrying down the path, right behind Willy.

## Down the Path

Now, with a toad and two beetles all racing down the path, Knarf was sure that something important was about to take place somewhere. So he ran even faster. But he couldn't catch up.

Then, a little further on, a cricket got on the path and joined the race. Then three mice, a mole, a chipmunk and a squirrel all started running, too. A flock of sparrows and a crow flew just over the path.

"Wait for me! Where are you all going? What's the matter?" Knarf kept shouting.

But the whole crowd of birds and animals and bugs were too busy running to stop and tell him where they were going, or what was the matter.

**Helpful Tips on Skin Care**

When applying creams, always use upward and outward strokes.

By HELEN FOLLETT

COMPLEXIONS vary to a remarkable degree. Some are fine and delicate, like a sheer fabric. They must be treated tenderly, coddled and potted if they are to retain the exquisite transparent quality. They call for creams of thin consistency and light massage.

Some are of firmer substance, carry a dull surface, require the lightest film of powder. Some seem immune to the elements, are not affected by strong winds or sunlight, while others flare up and protest. But no matter what the condition may be, the facial coating must be protected against the ravages of time.

## Cleanliness Important

For every type of complexion there are toilet table aids. Three needs are ever present, scrupulous cleanliness, lubrication and friction. Unless the skin has a peve against soap, use it once a day, preferably at bed time. Do a thorough job, sunbathing.

fluffing up a rich lather. Lave away with warm water. If coarse pores are present or the tissues are relaxed, finish with a cold rinsing. The change from hot to cold water brings a quick reaction of the blood streams to promote good colouring.

When buying cosmetics, read the labels which will give you valuable information concerning the right selections.

## Two Creams

Two creams will be found convenient, a light one to be used for the removal of make-up and quick clean-ups, a heavier one to be used at night. The latter should not be wiped entirely away. The longer the cream remains on the better will be the soothing softening effect.

Astringents are helpful when the skin is excessively oily. Also, for this kind of a complexion there are special powders. Choosing foundation cosmetics may be confusing. Purchase a small container, try out the contents. Remember that these toiletries must be well fricitioned into the flesh if they are not to be apparent. They are protective agents, act as barriers against strong sunlight.

**TRY THESE!****ADD-A-LETTER**

Add a letter to "a fish" and have "internal," add another and have a "stage whisper." Scramble this word and have "notions."

**ARTIST SQUARE**

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H	P	I	C	V	A

Find the right starting point, then read each letter in rotation, either up, down, backward, or forward (never diagonally) to learn the names of six artists:

**HIDDEN STATE**

Find the American state hidden in the following sentence:

I do miss our intimate talks.

**ANSWERS**

Wishes are fulfilled, 1. Idi, slide, 2. Whistler, Van Gogh, 3. Impressionist, 4. Bohemian, Da Vinci, Impressionist, 5. Miles, 6. Art, 7. Impressionist, 8. Whistler, 9. Van Gogh, 10. Impressionist, 11. Miles, 12. Art, 13. Impressionist, 14. Miles, 15. Art, 16. Impressionist, 17. Miles, 18. Art, 19. Impressionist, 20. Miles, 21. Art, 22. Impressionist, 23. Miles, 24. Art, 25. Impressionist, 26. Miles, 27. Art, 28. Impressionist, 29. Miles, 30. Art, 31. Impressionist, 32. Miles, 33. Art, 34. Impressionist, 35. Miles, 36. Art, 37. Impressionist, 38. Miles, 39. Art, 40. Impressionist, 41. Miles, 42. Art, 43. Impressionist, 44. Miles, 45. Art, 46. Impressionist, 47. Miles, 48. Art, 49. Impressionist, 50. Miles, 51. Art, 52. Impressionist, 53. Miles, 54. Art, 55. Impressionist, 56. Miles, 57. Art, 58. Impressionist, 59. Miles, 60. Art, 61. Impressionist, 62. Miles, 63. Art, 64. Impressionist, 65. Miles, 66. Art, 67. Impressionist, 68. Miles, 69. Art, 70. Impressionist, 71. Miles, 72. Art, 73. Impressionist, 74. Miles, 75. Art, 76. Impressionist, 77. Miles, 78. Art, 79. Impressionist, 80. Miles, 81. Art, 82. Impressionist, 83. Miles, 84. Art, 85. Impressionist, 86. Miles, 87. Art, 88. Impressionist, 89. Miles, 90. Art, 91. Impressionist, 92. Miles, 93. Art, 94. Impressionist, 95. Miles, 96. Art, 97. Impressionist, 98. Miles, 99. Art, 100. Impressionist.

Rupert helps Dr. Lion—36:



At length the two friends, rather out of breath, reach the end of the steps in the tunnel and come out into a desolate hollow near the top of the mountain. "We're very near the end of our journey now, only a little further to go," says the Wise Old Goat. The air seems warmer than ever and Rupert is still puzzled. Gazing past his companion, he sees a strange shape against the sky. "Whatever is that?" And how did it get there?" he asks. "It looks like a magnifying-glass."

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## Shooting "Ironing"

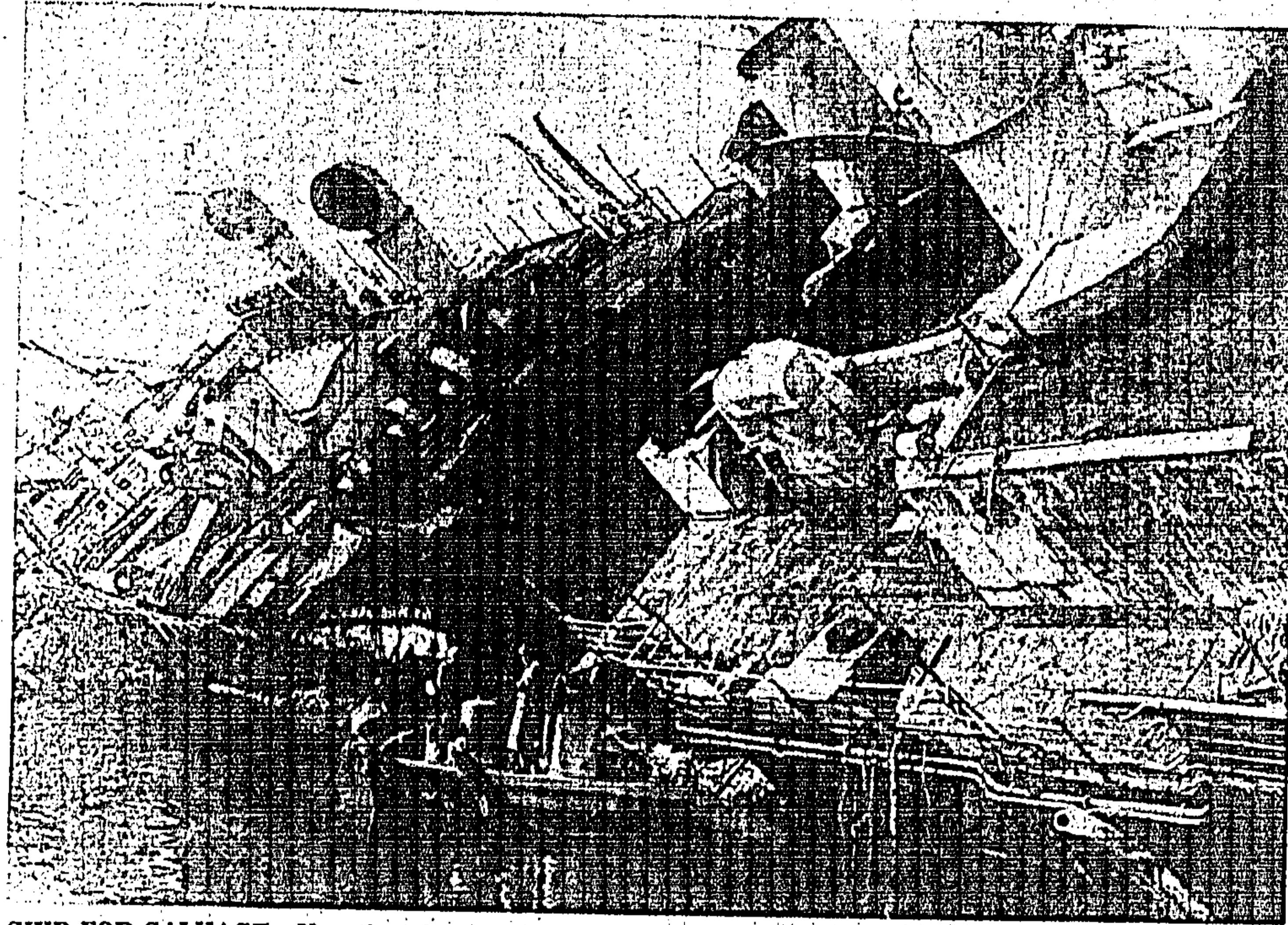


By Fred Harman

# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**THE COMFORTS OF HOME**—Bus driver John Trout, left, looks on as Val Sollors and Timmie Vaughn, right, make good use of the snack bar that will be put on American trans-continental bus fleets. The new coaches also have two-way radio telephones.



**SHIP FOR SALVAGE**—Unnoticed because of the tense political situation in the Free Territory of Trieste, salvage experts are working on 10 Italian ships which were either scuttled or bombed and sunk in the Bay of Muggia. Under the Allied Military Government public works programme to give local employment and to furnish iron for Trieste shipyards, salvage has been undertaken to clear the bay of the war relics. Here workmen pump air to a diver working on salvage operations under water. The vessel has been cut almost in half. Note the gaping hole.



HE STARTED IT—Christian Dior, Paris dress designer who created the "New Look," measures the length of Marie Wasserman's dress on arrival in New York in the Queen Mary.



**RECAPTURED**—A 19-year-old Haganah infantryman holds a sacred Torah, scroll of the Ten Commandments, which the Arabs took from a Jewish synagogue at Arza. The Torah was recovered by Haganah commandos.



**SEA DISH**—Petite An Blyth, movie actress, plays the part of a lovely mermaid at the annual week-end of play put on for newsmen in Santa Cruz, California, by the local Chamber of Commerce. Lester Eistey carries her from the surf.



**REVENGE**—Joseph Zaffini, in plaid jacket, takes a swing at Paul Edward Nichols in a Chicago police station. Zaffini claimed Nichols stripped him of his clothes and took his car. Police caught Nichols after a 75-mile-an-hour motor chase.

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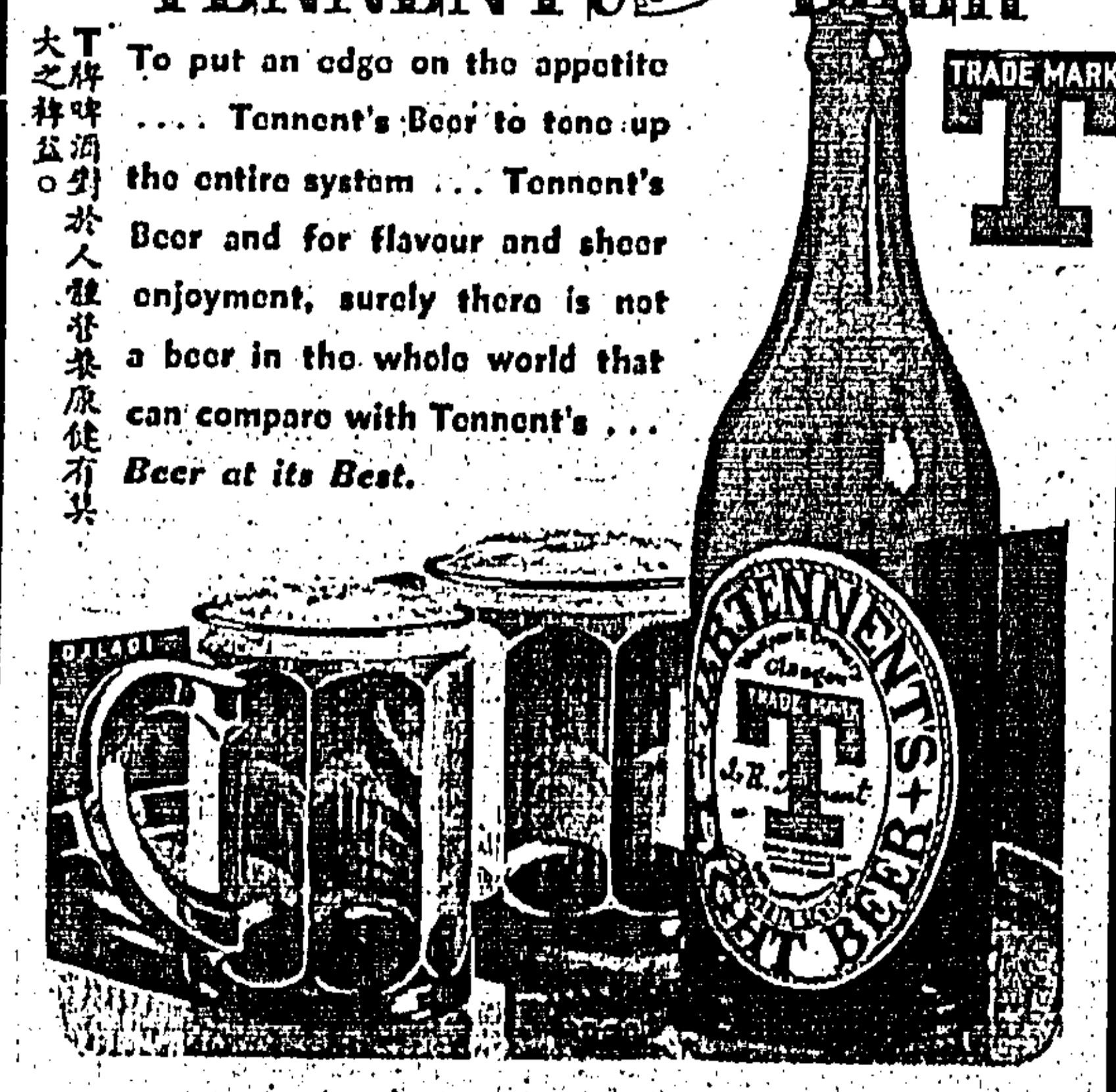
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**PROFESSORS TAKE A NOSE DIVE**—Faculty bigwigs at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, want the school's lacrosse team to go to the Olympics in England this summer, so they put on a pie-eating contest as their part of a fund-raising campaign. Digging into their blueberry pies are, left to right, Elwin Stevens, J. S. Biggers staff, W. C. Stiles, Rear Admiral Lewis B. Coombs, Henry Ott, and Leroy Clark.

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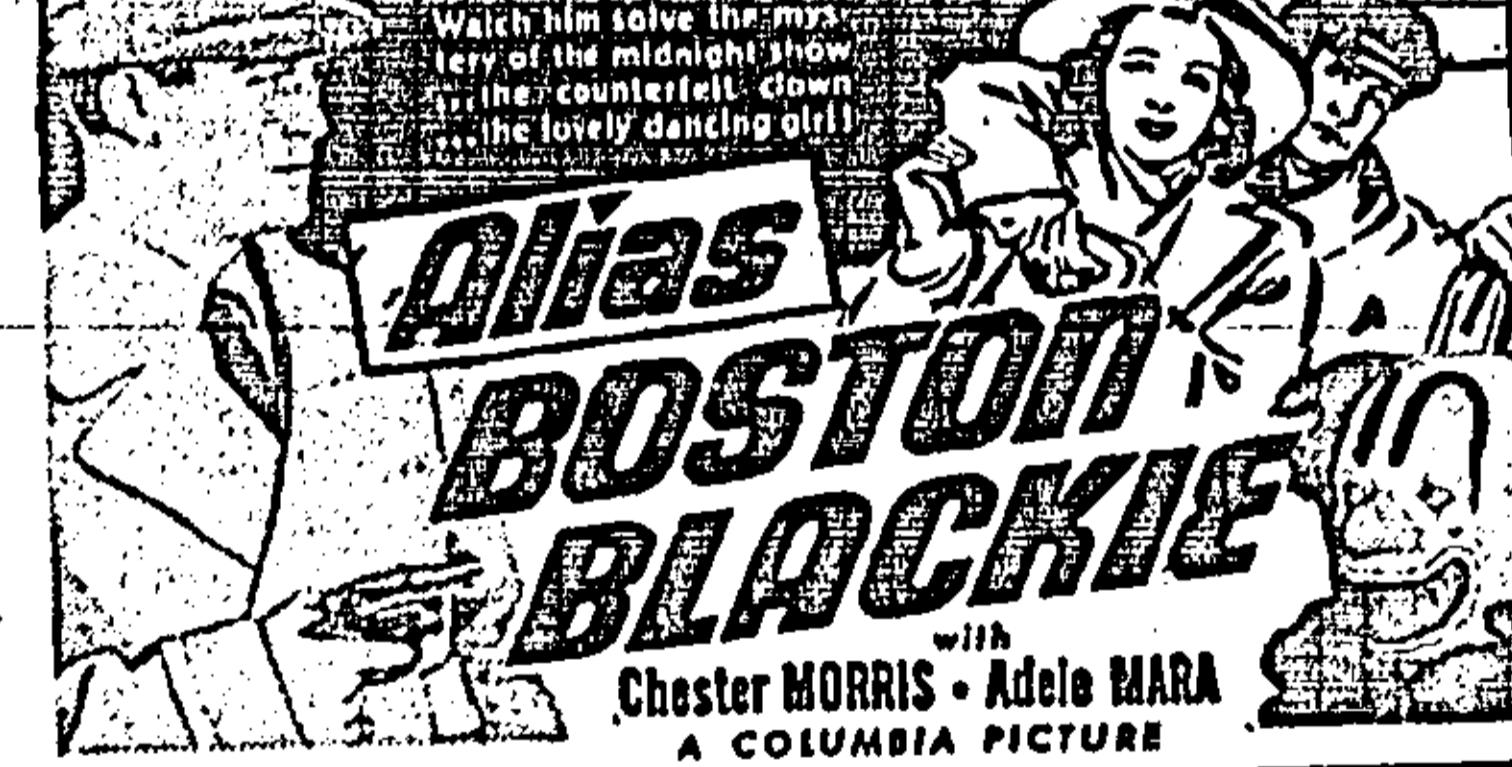
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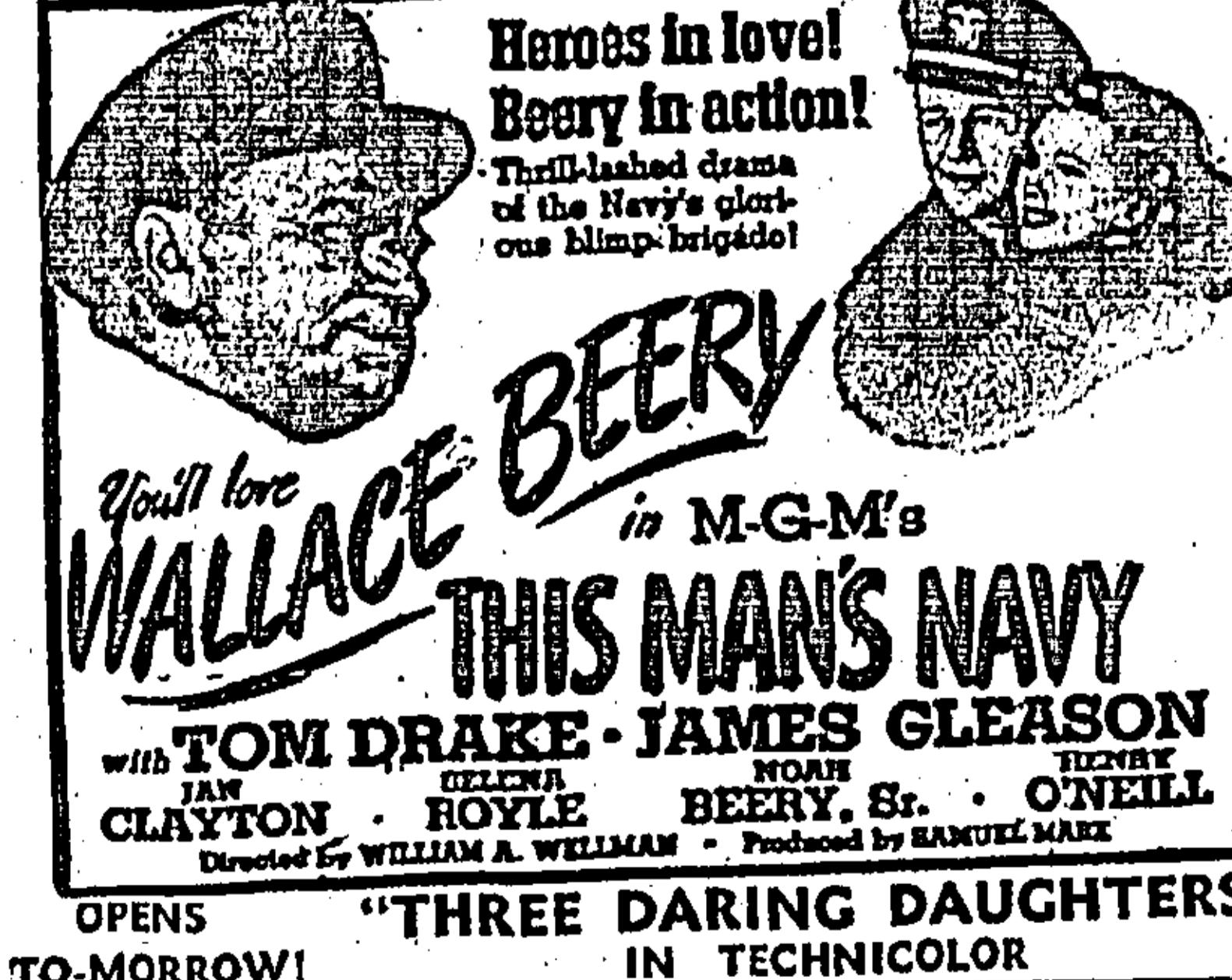
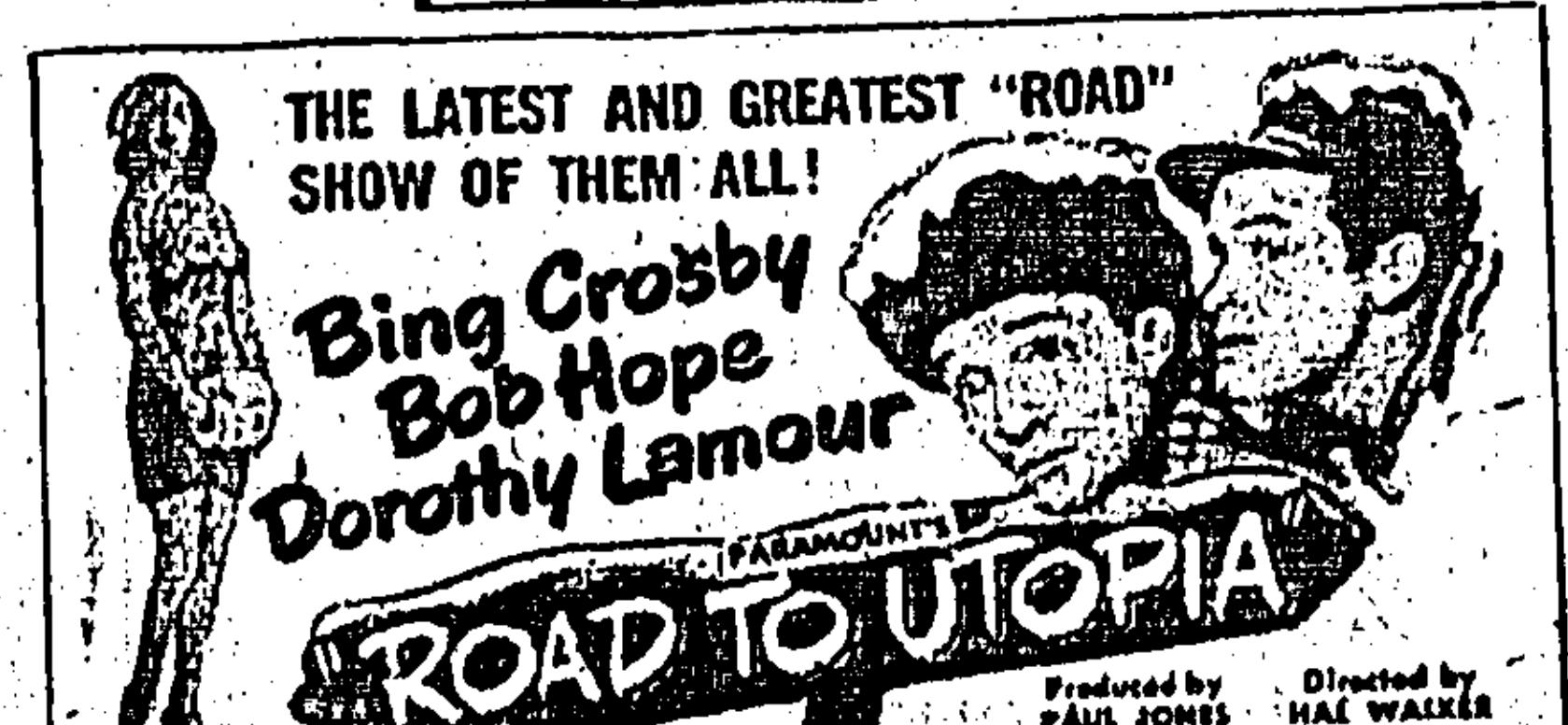
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SALISBURY, Rhodesia. SOUTHERN Rhodesia, which claims to be the up-and-comingest country in today's atlas, still lives on cigarettes. So, more often than not, do I. Southern Rhodesia grows tobacco, we smoke it, so why does Britain buy from America?

It seems all the siller here, where the stands of thick, oily plants bury a man from sight, where you can smoke yourself sick for two-and-a-halfpence for 50. Rhodesian leaf, of course.

I have not a Players or a Gold Flake for six or seven weeks, and shall not wildly mind if I never do again. If you trudge round the world a bit outside the Pullman, bring you learn to rationalise your smoking prejudices.

Leave aside the statistical and political reasons why Britain still smokes U.S. tobacco, there still remains the argument: I can't smoke Empire stuff. The answer is that you can, and do.

#### Bitter Dust

ALREADY your three-and-six-pence-for-twenty Virginians are being made from Empire tobacco in a proportion the Imperial Tobacco Company won't define for you, but which you may be sure is bigger than you think. If you could compare a pre-Players with the contemporary product you would soon realise it, too.

This is not boast-for-Rhodesians week, either; the statement is that you can, eventually, smoke anything and like it. I smoke, not for pleasure but from necessity, and I have inured myself to the highly variegated tobaccos of all manner of places.

In America I can get on (as anyone can) with Luckies and Chesterfields, just as in Europe I can make do with Gauloises and Kellervins and even the little rose-tipped Amoresques.

For a week last year in India we were down to smoking three-year-old Camels looted and resold from a flooded store, dried on the pavement to a brittle brown paper enclosing particles of bitter dust. They were all right once you got used to the cardiac spasms.

Now I am smoking Pilots and Bears and Springboks and Gold Leaf and Clippers, and thriving on them. I have even managed the plantations. Moreover, Rhodesia which is straight chemical warfare. After that don't tell me you can't smoke Rhodesian.

#### Top export still

TOBACCO is still this country's major export. About 1,000 dollar smoke now, at least we are many as two years ago. Most soon.

#### American Angle:

#### IT'S THE OLD ADAM

By Newell Rogers

ONE hundred rattlesnake hunters banquetted one recent night in Okeene, Oklahoma, before starting for the hills with forked sticks on their ninth annual roundup.

Some members of the International Rattlesnake Hunters Association went hundreds of miles for the fun.

In the rocky gypsum hills outside Okeene, rattlers are just coming out of hibernation. The hunters practise with their sticks on live rabbits before seeking the snakes. In eight hunts only four people have been bitten. None died.

Zoo and medical laboratory agents are in Okeene to pay 6s. per snake to get serum from the venom, which is the only known antidote for snakebite.

Last year 5,000 hunters caught only 500 snakes—a bad year.

SHARK FISHING, another American sport, proves profitable too. Off Oregon's coast fishermen make £375 catches on five-day cruises. Shark livers fetch from 2s. 3d. to 4s. 10d. a lb., depending on vitamin content.

ROLAND YOUNG, 60-year-old British actor, took out a New

of them are making packets of money. Last year there was £7,500,000 involved in Southern Rhodesian tobacco. Why not? They can sell all they grow, and not a dollar changes hands.

Reasonable question: Why buy American tobacco at all? Obviously, politics. One condition of Britain's economic indebtedness to America is a certain tenderness to its big commercial interests. It is clearly desirable that we disentangle ourselves from that whenever possible. We can hardly do so until Rhodesia can supply all we need.

In Southern Rhodesia there is a great impulse to cash in on the dollar situation.

The Government, concerned by everyone's urge to grow tobacco at the expense of food, is limiting the plantations. Moreover, Rhodesia knows that Rhodesian tobacco has a name to live down in the export world. It is anxious not to see the market flooded with inferior tobacco, hastily processed; it has in mind a wonderful future when people will ask Rhodesians in preference—as, right now, I do myself.

"Virginian" is a vague term anyhow. If you mean American tobacco, then most of it comes from the Carolinas. If you mean a specific variety of the plant then this is it, the lusty fat-leaved vegetable on the Southern Rhodesian uplands.

It contains rather less nicotine than the U.S. leaf, and burns, so they insist rather better.

America has a long start. Settlers in Rhodesia brought in U.S. seed, learned the tricky flue-curing business from books. In 1942 there was no tobacco export at all. Now there are more than 10,000 Europeans in the business and about 75,000 Africans.

#### Sterling

IT could be a practical proposition—international politics aside—for Southern Rhodesia to provide Britain with all the tobacco she needs, at a purely sterling expenditure.

First essential would be the guarantee. Second would be labour—tobacco requires more skilled Africans to the acre than, for example, a cereal crop, and the cost of such labour is rising.

Third is the big difficulty: Agricultural equipment. Tobacco farming gear comes from America, and costs dollars, and is very scarce in Rhodesia. Producers are now suggesting that, since Britain has saved £10,000,000 (£4,000,000) by buying Rhodesian tobacco, she should give Rhodesia some of that credit—earmarked for buying tobacco machinery in U.S.

Is there any good reason why we could not fulfil two of those conditions? If we cannot abolish the dollar smoke now, at least we are many as two years ago. Most soon.

#### American Angle:

#### IT'S THE OLD ADAM

By Newell Rogers

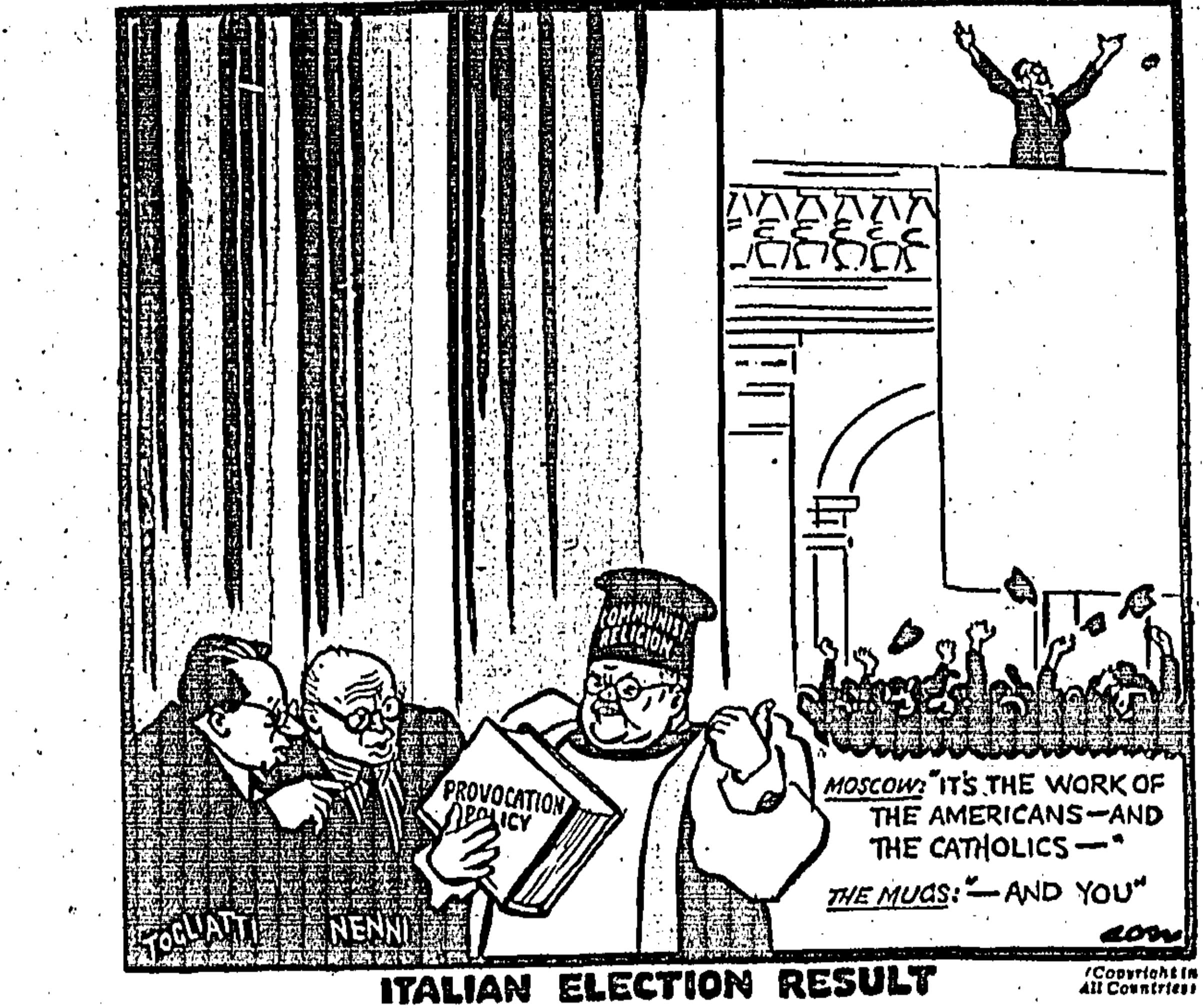
JERSEY marriage licence to wed Dorothy Patience May, aged 40, GENERAL HOYT VANDENBERG, new U.S. air staff chief, graduated at the bottom of his class from America's Sandhurst.

A £12,500,000 SUIT for damages was filed against the U.S. Government by Monsanto Chemical Company. It charges the Government with failure to provide for proper handling of explosives which blew up in Texas City harbour a year ago, killing 500 people and injuring 3,000.

EX-CHAMPION Gene Sarazen, at the National Masters Golf Tournament opening in Augusta, Georgia: "These British, with Henry Cotton and Bobby Locke, are the biggest foreign threat since the days of Abe Mitchell and George Duncan. Locke says he is not feeling well, but watch out for these sick men."

MRS. ROOSEVELT is going to be an innkeeper. She is joining her son Elliott in opening an abandoned farmhouse 26 miles outside New York City which will seat 100 diners and sleep 22 guests. The Roosevelts will serve dairy products, smoked turkeys, hams, bacon, and chickens from their 1,000-acre farm.

ROLAND YOUNG, 60-year-old



#### HERE IS THE LESSON OF ITALY'S ELECTION

## The Road to Riga

THE Italians have voted for the West," said the Socialist doctor, as we listened to the election results in Stresa.

"They've voted for their breakfast," said the Communist school-teacher.

"The Italians," said the priest, "have voted to keep body and soul together."

All of them were right. The majority of Italians had decided by a free vote that a non-Communist government would give them the best chance of eating their bread in peace.

Although the Communists alleged for the record after the election that there had been fraud and corruption, there was hardly a single complaint on polling-day itself. At a dozen stations that I visited in Milan the queues were orderly and respectful. The peasants whom I watched voting at the village of San Pietro dell'Ulmo took off their hats as though they were going into church.

The Italians were well aware that the world was observing their ability to behave as democrats, and the results was a model election. The Celere flying squads, tucked away in the side streets, had nothing to do but yawn over their carbines.

who want a Western type of reformist Socialism and recognise the dangers of fusion. As it is, like the lamented lady from Riga who went for a ride on a tiger and returned as a smile on its face, the Nenni Socialists have been swallowed up—though instead of a smile they have left a rather discontented frown on the face of the Popular Front.

In his domestic programme, Nenni was rather to the right of the British Labour Party; and no Socialists can view with anything but regret the tactical blunder which has deprived Western Socialism of a leader who was suffering for his political beliefs at a time when some of his Labour critics in Britain had not yet made up their mind which party to join.

As the elections went on, it became clear that the Russians could offer nothing in the way of material inducement that the West could not outbid.

While the Communists were speaking vaguely of Polish coal and Soviet cereals, Mr Dunn, the United States Ambassador, was welcoming a U.S. grain ship at Naples. "Workers unite! You have nothing to lose but Marshall Aid" is not a slogan which might be expected to appeal to many beyond the two million unemployed whose discontent can only be relieved by more personal benefits.

Had Nenni abstained from fusing with the Communists, it is certain that an independent

signed by Morgan Phillips—as curious perhaps it might seem to an Englishman if a poster at an election in Manchester were signed "Togliatti."

I had thought that the Italians—the Italians who had once cried with Garibaldi, "Out with the foreigners!"—might have resented this intervention. In point of fact, the letters and messages from the Labour Party were an important encouragement to Italian social democrats, and certainly contributed to their relative success.

The Nenni telegram, on the other hand, had little more influence than the Oxford under-graduate who made a public speech in Milan, supporting Nenni and claiming to speak for the Labour youth of Britain.

L'Unita, the Communist newspaper, did not attempt to say that the 37 signatories to the telegram represented anything more than a dissident minority in the party, and reported clearly in its issue of April 19 that they were likely to be punished for insubordination.

The Saragat Socialists in the Mondo Nuovo of the following day referred to disciplinary measures, but attributed responsibility exclusively to Platts-Mills. Only the Conservative Corriere della Sera got really worked up about this stab-in-the-back to Socialism. But the fears in London that the Saragat Socialists would lose support as a result of the telegram were not widely shared in Italy—with reason, as events have proved.

THE Saragat Socialists have successfully resisted the false Communist charge that a vote for the Third Force means a vote for Do Gasperi, for Fascism and for war. Their present task is to win over the working class and the trade unions, the basis of a Labour Party's strength.

If the disappointed Nenni Socialists will now unite with the Saragat Socialists to form a democratic independent Labour Party, they will carry with them millions of Italians, drawn not only from the working classes, with their long tradition of Socialism, but also from the unhappy middle classes, who have been buffeted by inflation and deflation. That will be the best safeguard against Communism and Fascism in Italy. The Italian Socialists have learnt not to play with dangerous animals.

By Ernie Bushmiller



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## Shroff Missing With \$20,000

A Government Treasury shroff, sent on Tuesday to cash a cheque for \$20,040 is missing.

The man, Cheung Tse-choun, 24, attached to the District Office, New Territories, was sent to cash the cheque at the Kowloon branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

He did so, but has not been seen since.

Police are investigating and say that they suspect other monies are involved.

## Sequel To Van Heutsz Piracy

### COUNSEL MAKES AN APPLICATION

When the ss Van Heutsz piracy case came before Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court today for another formal adjournment, Mr A. J. Clifford, representing one of the seven defendants charged in connection with the crime, made an application for the return of part of the money and articles seized by Police. The application was made under Section 41 of the Magistrate's Ordinance.

On behalf of Keung Kin-chung, alias Lui Put, the second defendant, Mr Clifford said that Police investigations should have been completed in the case and any property that had been clarified not connected with or had no bearing on the case should be released and returned to his client as means of livelihood for his wife and to obtain legal assistance for his defence.

Mr Clifford asked for the return of \$1,000 and some gold ornaments which he said belonged to the defendant's wife, and the US\$100 which was in no way connected with the case as there had been no loss of US currency in the alleged piracy.

"Anything that can be returned or should be returned, should be handed over at the earliest possible opportunity," submitted Mr Clifford.

### POLICE OBJECTIONS

While agreeing to the return of the US\$100 to the second defendant's wife, Mr L. R. Whant, ADCI, raised strong objection regarding the handing over of any gold articles and the \$1,000.

Mr Whant said there were over 2,000 passengers aboard the Van Heutsz when the vessel was pirated and it was difficult to get the victims to come to identify their losses and they were scattered in many different ports and places. Police investigations in this respect were still being continued.

Regarding the \$1,000, Mr Whant said that though the money was claimed by Keung's concurring as how she also told the Police in a statement that Keung had given her \$1,000 for household expenses. The Police might not be able to prove that the banknotes were the same that were handed to her by Keung, but according to the code of Criminal Law, if there should be any suspicion, the money could be ordered to be paid to the victims as compensation.

Mr Whant suggested that the application for the return of any articles be made at a later stage when police investigation would be more complete.

Referring to the future formal remands of the defendants, Mr Whant requested that for reasons of safety and convenience, future appearances of the seven defendants before the actual hearing of the case be made before magistrate in the Central Magistracy. This application was granted.

The seven men were remanded for another seven days in gaol custody.

### THE CHARGES

On a charge of piracy on board the ss Van Heutsz on December 14, 1947, are: Ling Cheuk-wah, 40, unemployed, of 376, Queen's Road, West, second floor, Keung Kin-chung, alias Lui Put, 45, travelling trader, of 302, Nathan Road, first floor, Ling Chan-ka, 29, travelling trader, of room 425, Hotel Nathan and Chan Chung-nam, 30, unemployed, residing at an unnumbered hut in Lai Chi Yuen Village, in Kowloon City.

Charges of false imprisonment of Chan Kuet-ching on April 12 are: Lui Sang-yuen, 30, boatmaster, Fung Yau, 44, boatman and Lui Kwan-fan, 36, boatman, of New Territories.

Lui Sang-yuen and Fung Yau are further charged with two counts of failing to take out a licence for their boats and landing persons at a place other than a port of the Colony.

### Waterside Offence

The mistress of a sampan was fined \$10 or three days by Mr Cairns at the Marine Court this morning for lying alongside the Williamson's Wharf without permission of the owner. Defendant stated that she completed work at 11 p.m. and as the boat was a small one, she decided to remain at the wharf instead of piveling out. She was warned that she must do that in future.

### PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY



## More Third Degree Allegations

### Men Say They Were Forced To Sign Statements

Further allegations of assaults by Police to obtain statements were made by the remaining two accused when the trial against five men on charges of conspiracy to rob, attempted armed robbery and possession of arms continued before Mr Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

### CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT HIS WIFE

His haste in departing on the ship of matrimony and his changeable mind landed Louie Gour, alias Lui Kwong, a 37-year-old broom maker at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with counselling and procuring the making of a false statement in the marriage register.

After pleading guilty through Mr A. M. L. Soares, Mr d'Almada fined A. M. L. Soares, Mr d'Almada fined \$200.

Det. Sub-Inspector Moore said defendant was a United States citizen and he came to Hongkong in June 1947. In August, defendant gave notice of his intention to marry Leung Yuk-ying, and on November 18 was married to a woman who signed the register with that name. After the marriage, defendant and his wife went to Tolshan, where defendant allegedly deserted her.

In April, a woman named Ho Yim-mei went to the SCA and claimed she was the wife of defendant, having married him in the name of Leung Yuk-ying. Defendant, who was then staying at a boarding house in Connaught Road, admitted at the SCA that Ho was his wife. He said he intended marrying Leung Yuk-ying when he gave the notice, but he changed his mind and married Ho who also admitted her part in the deception.

### POLICE PUZZLED

Defendant and Ho were allowed to go and the case was finally brought to the notice of the Police. Defendant went to the Police of his own record when he knew that they were looking for him and admitted the offence. The Police still could not find the motive for defendant's actions as all that would be required would be to give a fresh notice. From the Police point of view, it was not a very serious offence. Enquiries were still being made to locate Ho.

Mr Soares said that since defendant lost his wife a year ago, he had been through a miserable and unhappy time. Soon after being married, Ho Yim-mei absconded with all his belongings and defendant was left practically a destitute.

### He Liked The Uniform Too Much

There was something about the uniform of the Royal Navy that attracted the vanity of young Chan Seng, a student.

Though not belonging to the Senior Service, he donned a Petty Officer's outfit, complete with two rows of war ribbons on his left chest, one of which signified service in Palestine in 1937.

Only 10 years of age, his baby look gave him away. While he was on the ferry on Wednesday, Lieut W. Moore, of the Inniskillings, questioned him about his privileges and his identity, and not receiving a satisfactory explanation, he took Chan to the Police Station. Chan explained later that he put on the uniform because "it looks good."

He was brought before Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court today charged with wearing HM Forces uniforms while not being a serving member and with unlawful possession. He admitted the first count and the second charge was withdrawn. He was fined \$100.

According to Inspector Scrapp, Chan was given the uniform by a friend who was an ex-military personnel. Chan was not likely that he put on the uniform to enjoy the privilege of travelling half-free, but just because he admired the attire.

Chan had on his left chest a row of General Service and Patriotic ribbons, and another row of Defence, General Service, and the Pacific Star.

Paula and Meadows, checking up in the props department, find another man with a notice for harming the star.



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## No Bilateral Talks Says Marshall

(Continued from Page 1) "Since our basic purpose was to reaffirm the formal position of this Government from the mass of unofficial statements, our responsibility was to make clear the position of the United States Government, and of the United States alone."

"General Bedell Smith did not ask for any general discussion or negotiations. We have had a long and bitter experience with such efforts. This Government had no intention of entering into bilateral negotiations with the Soviet Government on matters relating to the interests of other governments."

"The discussion of any proposals in regard to outstanding issues which the Soviet Government may have had in mind, must, as a matter of course, be conducted in the body charged with responsibility for these questions."

### BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS

To an immediate barrage of questions, Mr Marshall said he had "nothing in mind on further communications to M. Molotov at the present time".

Underlining the meaning of his prepared statement, he insisted that there must be specific proposals and not just general discussions. "These discussions must have a practical possibility of success," he said.

To another question, he agreed that the initiative in the matter now was largely up to the Soviet Government. There were a number of fields open at the present time. He continued, where important work could be done to the benefit of the world.

He asserted that fundamentally M. Molotov's reply to General Bedell Smith's original statement did not reveal, in his opinion, any change of view.

He then drew the attention of journalists especially to a passage in M. Molotov's statement in which the Soviet Foreign Minister said: "The Soviet Government can only welcome this statement of the United States Government, for, as is known, it has always pursued a policy of peace and co-operation towards the United States, which always met with the unanimous approval and support of the peoples of the USSR."

"The USSR declares that it intends also in the future to pursue this policy with complete consistency."

Mr Marshall commented: "That is a very important statement." He looked up and repeated: "That is a very important statement. I am sure the world will watch with interest to see with what consistency this policy is pursued."

### CONFIDENCE BROKEN

Returning to the reasons for initiating the original approach to M. Molotov, the Secretary of State said that the need of restating United States policy to the Russian Government was considered important because "sometimes you believe your own propaganda if it goes on long enough."

Mr Marshall regretted that Russia had broken confidence in releasing details of the diplomatic exchanges.

"We assumed that they were confidential discussions," he told his press conference. "We regret the development because a diplomatic exchange is the sole remaining field in which controversies can be dealt with without being influenced by advance public reaction."

Mr Marshall stressed that, while Moscow Radio had published all of M. Molotov's remarks, it had only given a slight reference to the statement of General Bedell Smith.

Reuter.

### China's Air Defence Laws

### Foreigners Liable For Service

Nanking, May 13.—Foreigners residing in China are subject to the same requirement for the service in the country's air defence as Chinese citizens, according to Air Defence laws promulgated by the National Government last night.

The laws also decreed that foreign properties may likewise be requisitioned as air defence needs, if required.

By the new decree, China's air defence system is now placed under an overall command under the Ministry of National Defence, with a number of headquarters set up in strategic localities.

These headquarters are empowered to take all necessary measures, such as the requisition of public utilities and private properties and the enlistment into service of civilians as are deemed necessary.

The laws also stipulate that medical and other expenses and pensions shall be paid to those disabled or killed while in service, and retributions made to civilians for damage to properties requisitioned from them.—Reuter-APP.

### No Claimants For Lost And Stolen Articles

Several articles which have been with the Police since last year pending claimants, were this morning confiscated by Mr Blair-Kerr on Kowloon on the application of Sub-Inspector Howarth who said it was unlikely that they would be claimed.

The articles consisted of a Chinese chop, a cheque for CN\$15,000,000 and a gold ring found in Mongkok last September; a ladies' wrist watch snatched from an unknown person last September, a "Wear-ever" fountain pen stolen from an unknown person last October, and a Jade bangle stolen from an unknown child last December.

Thirteen hand-trucks found in Mongkok on Wednesday without an apparent owner were also confiscated to the Police for destruction.

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## BASEBALL

## PHILADELPHIA RUNS UP FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN

New York, May 12.—Sylvester Donnelly pitched the Phillies to their fourth straight win today, backed up by spectacular hitting by rookies John Blatnik and Richie Ashburn. Blatnik hit a double and three singles to drive Phillies five, Pirates zero.

Bobby Doerr's second homer in two days produced a 6-3 victory for the Red Sox over the White Sox. Doerr's homer came in the tenth with two men on base to win the game. It was the eighth straight loss for the White Sox. Today's scores were:

National League		R	H	E
Philadelphia	5	13	2	
Pittsburgh	0	3	2	

American League		R	H	E
Chicago	5	12	1	
Boston	0	12	0	

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Perc.
New York	10	6	.625
Philadelphia	11	7	.612
Pittsburgh	10	8	.555
St. Louis	6	6	.545
Brooklyn	8	8	.500
Chicago	7	9	.438
Boston	8	11	.421
Cincinnati	8	12	.400

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Perc.
Cleveland	11	5	.687
Philadelphia	11	5	.687
New York	12	6	.666
Washington	6	7	.461
St. Louis	6	6	.461
Detroit	8	12	.400
Boston	7	11	.388
Chicago	3	12	.200

## GOLF

## VON NIDA ATONES

Sunningdale, England, May 12.—One week after angrily tossing away two clubs in a tournament, Australian Norman von Nida, tied the 20-year-old Sunningdale course record held by Bobby Jones today with a 66.

An hour later Reg Horne equalled the score to share the lead in the first round of the 72-hole Daily Mail tournament, richest prize in Britain. It pays £2,500 in purses.

Von Nida's subpar shooting atoned for his display of disgust in the Dunlop Southport tournament after he carded 83. He was the leading money winner here last year.—Associated Press.

## CURTIS CUP

Southampton, May 12.—Eight members of the American Curtis Cup women's golf team, led by Mrs Edwin Vare, arrived here today aboard the liner *Mauretania*.

The team will meet the British in a series of matches at Birkdale on May 21 and 22.

Mrs Vare said the team "had a very rough trip to start with and one or two of them were laid low, but all are now fit."

She added that the United States team was a good one, "But we know that the British have a good team too. All I can say is we shall do our best to win."

Asked whether the team had brought any food supplies to supplement British rations, Mrs Vare said, "We shall rely entirely on British food. We hope it is not as grim as we have heard."—United Press.

## Women's Hockey

Amsterdam, May 21.—Ireland beat Scotland today 3-2 in the world's championship women's hockey tournament at Amsterdam. At half time the score was 1-1—Associated Press.

England beat the Netherlands 2-1. France beat Denmark by two goals to nil and Austria defeated Spain by a similar margin in the consolation tournament of the International Women's Hockey Festival, which continued at Amstelveen near here today.—Reuter.

## Winners In Army Championship

One of the most impressive performances in the Army boxing championship finals at the Royal Albert Hall, London, last month was that of 19-year-old Pte. Morrison (East Yorks Regt.), the Northern champion, and youngest finalist competitor, who outpointed the bantamweight champion, Sergt.-Instr. D. Browning.

Results of finals were:

Flyweight: Cpl. J. Murphy (R. Signals) beat L/Bdr. P. Byrne (R. A.) on points.

Bantam: Pte. P. Morrison (E. Yorks Regt.) beat Sgt.-Instr. D. Browning (A.P.T.C.) holder, or points.

Feather: Cpl. D. Burn (R. A. O. C.) beat Pte. N. Phillips (R. E. M. E.) on points.

Light: Cpl. R. G. Tucker (R. Sussex Regt.) beat L/Bdr. A. Scannel (R. A.) on points.

Welter: C.S.M. Instr. J. Ryan (A. P.T.C.) holder, beat Sgt.-Instr. G. P. Williams (A.P.T.C.) on points.

Middle: L/Cpl. R. Bebbington (R. E.M.E.) holder, beat Pte. L. McCartney (Black Watch) on points.

Light-heavy: Cpl. D. Scott (R. M.P.) beat Gdsman A. Lord (Grenadier Guards) in third round.

Heavy: Sgt. J. Gardner (Grenadier Guards) beat L/Cpl. J. Harding (R. E.M.E.) in first round.

## COLONY CHESS

## Fourth Round Tonight

The fourth round of the Colony Open Chess Championship starts this evening at the Peninsula Hotel with F. X. Sequeira meeting K. M. A. Barnett in the more important of the three pairings.

Much will depend on the outcome of this game, Sequeira now leads the rest of the field by one point and a win will mean in all probability a lead of 1 1/2 or even two.

Johnny Carvalho beat L. Schure the last time they met and is not unlikely to do it again, even with the black pieces.

P. K. Prokopov has white against Ray Dancenberg and may also draw or even lose with the latter rapidly getting into form.

## CRUCIAL GAME

A situation arises that sees the rest of the field taking more interest in the result of the Sequeira-Barnett game than in its own results.

If Barnett beats Sequeira, the six finalists will be separated by no more than one or 1 1/2 points. If Sequeira wins—and he will have established a lead that may be long enough to carry him through to his first Colony Championship.

The Prokopov-Dancenberg game has been postponed by mutual agreement to next Tuesday.

Standings to date are:

F. X. Sequeira	3	2	1	0	2 1/2
P. K. Prokopov	3	1	1	1	2
L. Schure	3	1	1	1	1 1/2
K. M. A. Barnett	3	1	1	1	1 1/2
R. C. Dancenberg	3	0	2	1	1
J. P. de Carvalho	3	0	2	1	1

## Newmarket Stakes

Newmarket, England, May 12.—American-bred Black Tarquin, 15-8 on favourite, was beaten a length and a half today by an outsider, Riddling Mill, at 100-8, in the Newmarket Stakes.

The mile and a quarter race was an important test for Black Tarquin, who has been third favourite for the English Derby at Epsom Downs on June 6. The colt is owned by a New York banker, William Woodward.

Roaring Forties, another Derby hope, finished three lengths behind Black Tarquin in a five horse race.—Associated Press.

## REPERCUSSIONS

London, May 12.—Racing results in Newmarket today led to some repercussions in the Derby betting, with Black Tarquin 10 to one before today's defeat, now offered at 20 to one.

A bet of £5,000 to £400 was taken on Valognes, who is stable companion of La Fontaine, a winner on the Newmarket card today.

Valognes is now a 10 to one chance with The Cobbler at sixteen to one and My Love, a French six-year-old, 100 to eight.—Reuter.

## MANCHESTER CUP

London, May 12.—The final acceptances with weights for the Manchester Cup, to be run over a mile and a half on Saturday, May 22, were announced today.

Signalmaster, 9-0, Pte. D. Scott (R. M.P.) and Pte. D. Scott (R. M.P.)

## HOLD TIGHT!



One way to go tobogganing in snowless Florida is on the water, as Helen Hatfield, Pat Conlin and Sammie Stilley demonstrate at Cypress Gardens. But at high speeds, a fall in that water can be just as hard as one on packed snow or ice. The girls don't seem worried.

## AUSTRALIANS LEAD CAMBRIDGE BY 17 RUNS WITH NINE WICKETS IN HAND

## Bright Fielding Dismisses Cantabs For 167 On Batsman's Wicket

Cambridge, May 12.—The Australians today put up 184 for one wicket, in reply to Cambridge's 167 all out on a batsman's wicket accomplished by outstanding Aussie fielding.

G. H. G. Doggart and D. J. Insole were the highest Cambridge scorers with 33 each, Aussie bowler Keith Miller topping the bowlers with five wickets for 21. Cambridge was consistently unable to get the ball away through the Aussie field.

Australian opening batsman A. R. Morris was caught out at 26, but Bill Brown with 87 not out and R. A. Hamence with 60 not out put up 132.

United Press.

## COUNTY CRICKET

London, May 21.—Lancashire batsmen saved today's cricket from being as dull and dismal as the weather.

On wickets slowed up by overnight thunderstorms, county players for the most part could do little as the ball came through to them at varying pace.

Lancashire, paced by centuries from England batsmen Cyril Washbrook and Eric Edrich and useful partnerships all the way down the line, ran up 395 for five wickets against the all-professional Warwickshire XI captained by Tom Dollery.

Washbrook hit a dozen boundaries and Edrich, the eldest of the cricketing brothers, clouted 13 fours in his first century for Lancashire.

Middlesex did not have too much of the day's cricket against Worcestershire at Lords.

Fast bowler Laurie Cary, was mainly responsible for the champion.

The match could not be finished owing to rain.

The Craigengower farewell game was a fitting tribute to one of the most popular personalities in Inter-port Davis.

Tom Main returned out East last year after a seven-year sojourn at Aberdeen, Scotland, where he played for the Whitehall Bowling Club and reached the final of the Northeast Scotland Championship, losing by one shot, in 1940.

He skippered Shanghai last year to a best-out-of-three victory over Hongkong in the resumed Inter-port series.

In all he has played in six Inter-ports as a lawn bowler, four times in Hongkong.

He is now better known as an Inter-port lawn bowler, as well.

The first time was in 1907 when he represented Shanghai as a medium fast bowler and took most of Hongkong's wickets. He played in 1909 and 1910 games.

This does not complete his record as an all-round sportsman, as he has also won the Shanghai 100 yards sprint championship five times.

He set a Shanghai record of 10 seconds flat for the distance in 1913 and won the China Press Cup outright.

Mr. Main, who was with the Shanghai Waterworks, retired in 1930. He came out East on a visit to the West Indian, C. Clarke.

Len Hutton, in more like his real form, had scored 54 not out, when the day's play ended.

## THE SCORES

At Manchester, Lancashire v Warwickshire, first innings, 395 for five. (Washbrook 110, E. Edrich 100 not out, Ikin, 69, Cranston 39 not out, Hutton, 100 not out.)

At Huddersfield, Yorkshire v Northamptonshire.

## LIBERATION SHIELD

The Kowloon Cricket Club team for the Ezra Abraham Liberation Shield match against the Kowloon Green Club on Sunday will be:

A. Chalm, S. A. Gray, A. E. P. Guest and F. Goodwin (skip).

G. Leo, W. H. Colledge, F. E. Skinner and T. A. Madar (skip);

## Change In Rules Of Water Polo

There are many persons who maintain that the British are too conservative in their attitude to sport, especially over games which they gave to the world.

The British, maintain the critics, cling tenaciously to rules which were introduced when the game first

## FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Her father runs a druggist across the street, but he cut off her ice cream—so she comes in here and hurts my business!"

## PC LESSON HAND

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

'Just Play Safe' Is Jacoby's Advice

♦ 632	N	♦ Q 1004
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Lesson Hand—Neither vul.  
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0 ♦ Pass Pass Pass  
Opening—4 5 10

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY  
SWALD JACOBY came in from Texas recently and dropped in at my office. I told him I would like to have a nice lesson hand for my readers, but trying to get a hand from Jacoby is like trying to fill the fuel tank of a rocket plane in flight. He was telling me about his new book that is coming out on Oklahoma. If you want a swell two-hand game, learn Oklahoma. He has another book that I really enjoy, "How to Figure the Odds."

Finally I got today's hand from Jacoby, and I think you will agree it is a clever one. He said, "You don't always have to figure the odds—just play safe and there won't be any odds against you."

Regarding the bidding, Jacoby said you could open with either two diamonds or one diamond. However, with all of his top tricks, he was afraid his partner might pass if he had nothing but a little trump support, and all Jacoby needed to make game was a few trumps in his partner's hand.

When the dummy went down, Jacoby felt sorry for himself—he was wishing he was in seven. Then he began to figure the odds. If the diamonds were 0-0 or 0-1, he might not even make six without very careful play.

When he won the opening lead—in dummy with the ten of clubs, he led small diamond to the ace in his own hand. He was playing the hand for six-odd, not seven, and he wanted to be sure of making his contract.

So at this point he led the three of diamonds, and it was a good thing he did. With any other lead he could not have made the contract. If he had tried to cash the king of diamonds, West would have ruffed, and if he had picked up the trumps, he would have had to lose the other diamond.

## CROSSWORD

20. He may rule when frost returns.  
(4)  
22. Nothing about it. (3)  
23. You got purer tea from it. (3)  
25. Nomad. (6)  
27. Extend in a way. (3)  
28. Sustena, lack of pop. (8)

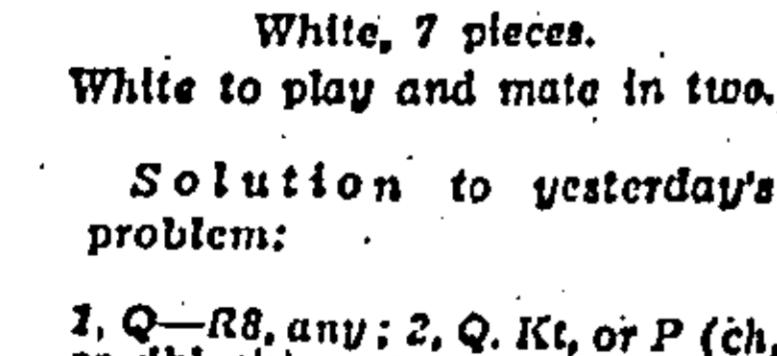
Down

1. It ones entailed gauntlet throwing. (6)  
2. 2nd. (2)  
3. A peculiar sort of plant. (6)  
4. 4th. (4)  
5. One way to smash a riot. (4)  
6. 6th. (4)  
7. 7th. (4)  
8. Forward. (6)  
9. Browning said that "Raoul" was "one of sonnets." (7)  
10. Wan. (4)  
11. Said to be repeatedly taken by secret drinkers. (6)  
12. 12th. (6)  
13. 13th. (6)  
14. 14th. (6)  
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18. 18th. (6)  
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20. 20th. (6)  
21. 21st. (6)  
22. 22nd. (6)  
23. 23rd. (6)  
24. 24th. (6)  
25. 25th. (6)

Across

1. Where you may expect to make chip talk. (6)  
2. Musical instrument. (4)  
3. The one coconut. (3)  
11. Blue. (6)  
12. Get into a receptacle and it will burst. (6)  
13. Answer sometimes given to an unsolvable problem. (6)  
14. You keep it. (6)  
15. Not a short way to pine. (6)  
17. They are the theme discussed. (6)

Solution to yesterday's problem:



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## EXCLUSIVE TELEGRAPH FEATURE

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ..... By STELLA

THURSDAY, MAY 13

BORN today, you are highly intuitive and emotionally receptive to others. You have a fine mind, but are too apt to be influenced by making up your minds, when it comes to selecting that "one person" from a large group of admirers. You have definite literary capabilities but must cultivate individually and the ability to stick to a job until it is finished. Don't let yourself be discouraged by a single setback. Guard against disappointment and try again! You have the talent and the capability if you make the proper use of your gifts.

Although you are ambitious, you are too retiring to push yourself forward. Either a business or a marriage partner who is also interested in your work and can inspire you to your best efforts at all times may be the answer to your problems. If you can learn not to lean on others emotionally, you will be far better off. But this may be a difficult lesson and one that may be solved by going into partnership.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May. 21)—Aggressive action will pay off today. Go out after what you want. Demand it, and your chances of getting it are favourable.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Energetic and active interest in some project connected with the land can bring excellent results.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Let your heart be your guide in today's activities. It won't hurt to sidetrack business for a few hours.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Execute all important matters this morning. When afternoon comes, be on your guard against misrepresentation.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Continue yesterday's initiative and expand a project to its fullest extent. Be confident of success, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Early hours are the best ones today. Complete an important job this morning if it is at all possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Friendship can bring you some-

You women, born today, are very popular with members of the opposite sex and may have difficulty in making up your minds, when it comes to selecting that "one person" from a large group of admirers. Don't let physical attributes control your selection, entirely. Select someone who is interested in cultural things as well. You men, especially, should not be too much influenced by a pretty face. Look for the inner beauty that comes from an alert and capable mind for the best, permanent happiness in marriage.

Avoid excesses of all kinds, especially rich foods. If you are to enjoy the best of health during your later years. You may need to go to your best efforts at all times may be the answer to your problems. If you can learn not to lean on others emotionally, you will be far better off. But this may be a difficult lesson and one that may be solved by going into partnership.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A short journey may bring you a business benefit that you have been seeking; may bring up your sales copied from a Sunday paper:

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Early bird is the one who makes the best killing today, to be on your toes bright and early in the morning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—

will power and the full determination to get exactly what you want now will bring about the desired results.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Fairly beneficial if you keep your wits about you and don't let interference hinder your plans.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Good judgment today can bring you the promotion you have been anticipating. Seek spiritual guidance, if perplexed.

## AROUND THE WORLD:

## The Spanish-French Border

By TEMPLE MANNING

THE recent reopening of the border between Spain and France offers still another link in the travel chain. Once more we hear of people who are planning to visit some of the charming spots along both sides of the border, places that are among the most beautiful and most urbane in Europe. San Sebastian, Biarritz, Hendaye, beautiful resorts all, and each with its staunch admirers.

Once Biarritz was the place to go, with royalty foregathering there to enjoy its wonderful weather, its smart cafes, sumptuous hotels and villas. Then Biarritz had a brief season at Easter, and really hit its stride from mid-July to mid-September. The beach is wide and handsome, the golf course and the tennis courts are perfect, the shops and hotels along the Avenue Edward VII, ultra in luxury. There are two casinos and numerous hotels.

According to news reports. Nice, as it is, though we like its Spanish opposite number, Fuentarrabia, even more. The important Spanish customs town, though, is nearby Irun.

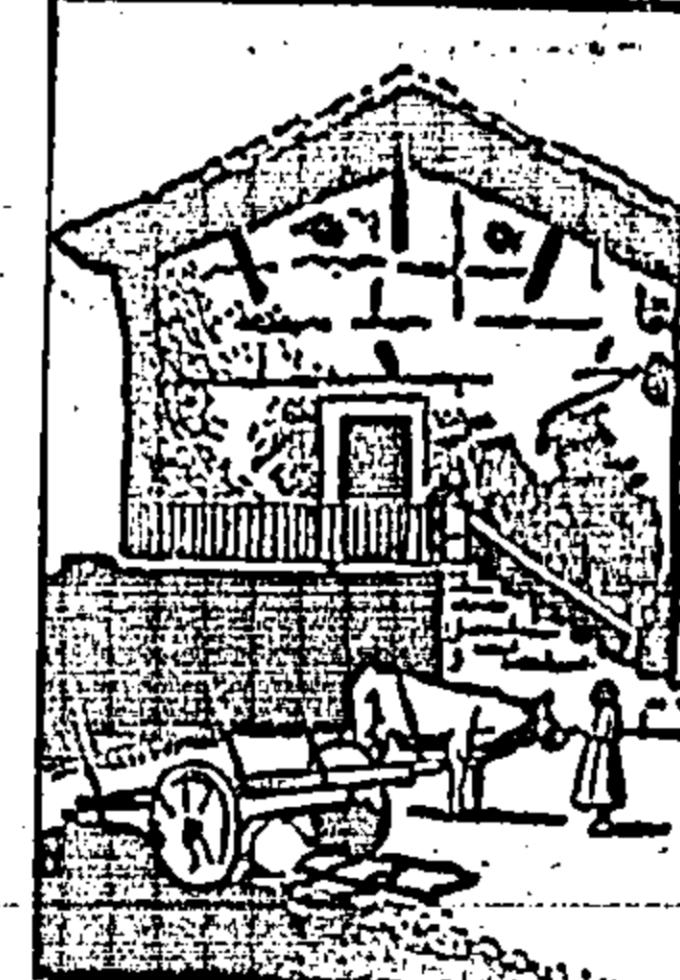
Fine Hotel

Principal attraction at Hendaye is its fine hotel and golf course. Nearby is a really splendid beach, one of the finest in France.

It is surprising to find that Fuentarrabia, although right on the French border, is the place that one imagines a Spanish town to be, but which it seldom is, at least, to any appreciable extent. It has narrow winding streets that seem perpetually dark because the houses almost meet overhead. The weather-stained houses have great escutcheons on the doors, wrought iron balconies and gridded windows.

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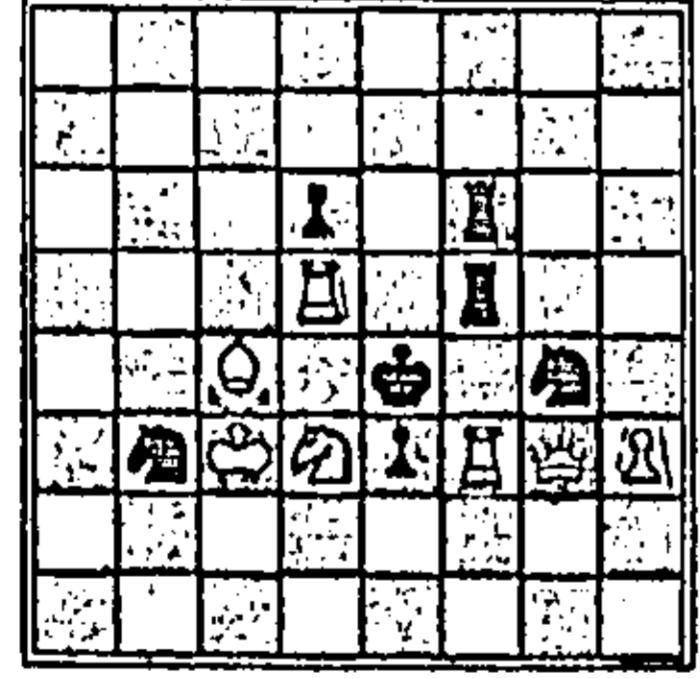
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## CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL

Black, 7 pieces.



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## Hot-House Atmosphere

But the whole place is, or used to be, such a Vanit Fair, so hot-house in atmosphere and style, that one soon became rather weary of it all. And so one took the drive to San Sebastian, which is of the more average seashore resort type, and very, very charming. Along the way are, or used to be, delightful bits of real Spain.

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# INAUGURATION OF ITALY'S NEW PRESIDENT

## Lana Arrives in England

Southampton, May 12.—Honeymooners Lana Turner, film star, and her fourth husband, Bob Topping, millionaire tinplate heir, arrived at Southampton this afternoon in the liner *Mauretania*.

Their marriage, which was the fourth for both, took place in Hollywood on April 26.

Miss Turner promptly denied reports in the British press that her trousseau cost \$30,000. She said she was "staggered" by the stories.

The Toppings will later visit France. —Associated Press.

## BRITAIN'S ATOMIC WEAPONS

London, May 12.—Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Minister of Defence, assured the House of Commons tonight that he was satisfied that adequate progress was being made in Britain in the development of the most modern types of atomic weapons.

Research and development were receiving the highest priority and all types of weapons were being considered, he said in reply to questions.

He declined to give further information concerning atomic weapons. "I do not think it would be in the public interest to do so," he said.

Last month, the Minister of Supply, Mr. G. R. Strauss, was questioned in Parliament about delays in atomic development alleged to have taken place in 1947. While not confirming that there had been delays, Mr. Strauss said higher priority had been given to hasten atomic research by a decision in March 1947.

Dr. J. D. Cockcroft, Director of the Research Establishment, told a Government committee last year that shortages of material and labour had put the Establishment's work six months behind schedule. —Reuter.

## Australia And Pakistan Talks

Sydney, May 12.—Negotiations for a trade pact between Australia and Pakistan are proceeding, but still appear to have some way to go, it was learned here today.

The Pakistan Trade Commissioner in Australia, Mr. R. H. Rahman, commenting on a Sydney Morning Herald report from New Delhi that a trade pact was about to be effected, said negotiations were going on, but he knew nothing of an impending pact.

Officials of the Australian Commerce Department in Canberra said a pact was possible in a few months as the outcome of the recent Geneva tariff agreement between Australia, India and Pakistan.

The Department's latest bulletin stated that when private negotiations resumed, the present tariff might give way to a comprehensive agreement on the most favoured nation principle. —Reuter.

## Japan Increases Postal Rates

Tokyo, May 12.—A four-fold increase in postal and communications rates in Japan is scheduled to go into effect in the middle of June, Japanese press reported today.

Under the new rates, the postage for a postcard will be increased from 50 sen to two yen, and ordinary letters from 1.2 yen to five yen.

Telephone and telegram fees will also be increased, it was added. —Reuter.

## ALLEGED SLAUGHTER OF BABIES

Athens, May 12.—An American officer set out today to find out the facts in one of the worst horror stories of the war in Greece—that guerrillas had deliberately slaughtered 40 babies to get rid of them.

The story was based on a brief announcement by the Greek government, which said the slaughter took place high on the slopes of Mount Githion, 100 miles northwest of Athens.

According to the report, the guerrillas were in flight. Hard-tressed, they strangled 40 babies, who were with their mothers, so their crying would not betray their position. The babies ranged in age from a few months to three years, the report said.

The Greeks said one report declared that 15 bodies were found in one group. One woman told the soldiers some babies were killed before her eyes. She said the babies were among civilians with

## Parliament Applauds Speech: Crowds Cheer

Rome, May 12.—President Luigi Einaudi took his oath of office before a cheering Parliament tonight and the last of a 21-gun salute signalled the historic event to an estimated 500,000 Romans jamming streets for the presidential parade.

Eighteen Italian army fighter planes and six twin-engined bombers circled Montecitorio Palace of Parliament as President Einaudi made his inaugural speech. The big bell of the old palace rang for the third time in the short life of the Italian Republic to herald Einaudi's oath "I swear to be faithful to the Republic and to observe the constitution."

Then monarchists, senators and deputies, who refused to applaud when Einaudi entered the hall, stalked out before the oath was read.

Ida Einaudi, the President's wife, sat in the central box of the Assembly hall, directly opposite to the President's platform. A huge tricolour flag hung from the balcony to the bench below.

When President Einaudi acknowledged a four-minute tribute of Parliament with a joyful wave of his hand he turned to stare upward and smile broadly at his beaming wife who looked youthful in a grey spring hat and grey and black suit.

### BRIEF CEREMONY

The Parliament ceremony lasted only 20 minutes. Then Signor Einaudi, Assembly President Giovanni Gronchi and Senate President Ivano Bonomi, rode through the crowded streets of old Rome to Quirinal Palace. A company of mounted Carabinieri, once the king's bodyguard, saluted Einaudi with drawn sabres while an estimated 120,000 in the Palace Square shouted "Long live the President!"

His first act after his inauguration was to reject the resignation of Premier Alcide De Gasperi, formally confirming that the next government will be virtually the same as at present. De Gasperi's press spokesman said the Catholic Premier would receive a mandate to head the Italian Government again immediately.

Earlier De Gasperi presented his resignation to the President at 7.05 p.m. local time.

President Einaudi's inaugural speech was short. He spoke in a firm, dry voice, paying tribute to the man he replaced, Enrico De Nicola "who carried out the work of the first president of Italy with exactness, scrupulously and with devotion. To Enrico De Nicola goes the gratitude of all Italians."

The President spoke of himself in the third person to say, "He, who before the June, 1946 election made no statement on the form Republican Italy should have, gives to the new regime something more than mere adhesion."

Parliament applauded loudly, indicating there was no resentment in any quarter because Einaudi once supported the monarchy.

### IMPORTANCE OF DEBATES

Einaudi said: "Your debates in Parliament are very important to the life of our nation and the only regret I feel today is that I cannot be among you to join in these debates." Signor Einaudi was elected to the Senate in the April election.

Signor Einaudi said he believed the Italian constitution must "preserve what is good in the present national life but must also give guarantees of greater equality whenever possible. That is what I and Parliament have to do."

No compensation is paid to soldiers for whom married quarters are not available. They do not pay charges for rent, furniture, fuel and light which are paid by soldiers occupying married quarters.

"Let us look upward. Let us resume our road and work for our country so that she attains moral greatness, freedom of life, social and civil justice and material prosperity and that in this hall we may always hear the cry 'Long Live Italy!'"

Parliament loudly applauded.

The red robes of Monsignor Francesco Borgogni-Duca, Vatican Nuncio to Italy, brightened the jammed diplomatic box in which American Ambassador James Dunn and O'Campo Gilmentz were present.

Before taking the oath, President Einaudi told the press: "I accept the task given me by the will of Parliament, a task which consists essentially in guarding the constitution and, therefore, those

## House Of Lords Reform Impasse

London, May 12.—Mr. Clement Attlee, today ruled out the possibility of an immediate agreement between the Labour Government and the Conservative Opposition on the reform of the House of Lords.

A great deal of time had already been spent in seeking an agreement between the two parties, he told the House of Commons. But there had been failure and he did not think it would be useful to reopen the discussions at the present moment.

The discussions between the two parties had been annulled by the Government's announcement that it would reform the Upper Chamber to admit elected Members to limit the hereditary principle and cut the period during which the House of Lords may hold up legislation passed by the House of Commons.

The talks broke down after a deadlock over the latter point.

Widespread regret was expressed in the press and in political quarters that the discussions had ended unsuccessfully after so much had been agreed. —Reuter.

### Max Intrator III

Paris, May 12.—Max Intrator, chief of the American military mission, nevertheless became interested. He sent a special American investigating officer to the scene and a Greek Ministry of Justice sent a coroner's team accompanied by photographers. Reports are expected in a few days.

The scene is nearly three days by mule from Lamia. —Associated Press.

## Far East Tactics In War Exercises

London, May 12.—Britain's fighting Services are to study how to fight a war in the Far East when they meet on "Exercise Bamboo" at the Camberley Staff College in Surrey from May 24 to May 26.

General Sir Montagu Stopford, who commanded the 12th Army during the Burma Campaign, is preparing the exercise in collaboration with the Navy and the Air Force.

The third annual exercise, ordered by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, follows a flight of six Lincoln bombers from England to Singapore last month to demonstrate how a British striking force can be provided at short notice on the other side of the world. —Reuter.

## Debutantes At Garden Party

London, May 12.—Many debutantes of Britain and the Empire were presented today to the King and Queen at the first presentation party this year, attended by over 2,000 guests at Buckingham Palace.

For the girls and their escorts, attendance at this party counts as a formal presentation. The debutantes did not, however, have to make the complicated and precarious low curtesy which was customary at the formal evening courts before the war.

Instead, they gave the simple "bob" or abbreviated curtesy made to Royalty on ordinary occasions. The men bowed.

The party was on austerity lines, the King's order—a compromise between the court and a garden party, and the King and Queen, and members of the Royal Family, made informally among the guests.

For the first time since the war, the State Apartments on the first floor of the Palace were used and a long marquee stood in the grounds with a covered way from the bow saloon to the buffet, where tea was served.

The women wore afternoon gowns and the men lounge suits or uniform. —Reuter.

## HOMES FOR THE TROOPS

London, May 12.—There are approximately 1,500 quarters available for married officers and 14,150 for married soldiers in the United Kingdom, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the Secretary of War, said today in a Parliamentary reply.

Roughly one-third of the officers' and two-thirds of the soldiers' quarters are up to 1938 standards. Provision made for building at home is mainly directed towards the construction of permanent and temporary married quarters and the reinstatement and improvement of existing married quarters.

On the percentage of married soldiers in the regular army accommodated in married quarters, Mr. Shinwell said at present approximately 27 percent of married soldiers have their families living with them in married quarters.

No compensation is paid to soldiers for whom married quarters are not available. They do not pay charges for rent, furniture, fuel and light which are paid by soldiers occupying married quarters.

Describing the redistribution of Britain's population as a "war operation," the general said it called for "great statesmanship and political harmony within the Empire." —Reuter.

## Maldistribution Of Population

London, May 12.—Britain must plan to reduce her population to a point where the economy can be balanced, Sir Ronald Weeks, a prominent industrialist, told a Royal Empire Society here today after a world tour.

Sir Ronald, a wartime Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff, said there should also be a proportionate dispersal of industry in the Empire and further decentralisation of Empire defences.

"Emigration must be planned on a much greater and bolder scale and it must not be of a certain group of people—the able-bodied but of whole communities, including the young and old."

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## German Officers Farewelled

Bridgend, South Wales, May 12.—Seventy-six German officers—most of them generals—were given a great farewell when they left their Island prisoner-of-war camp here today to return to home.

The officers were wished goodbye at the station by a dozen well-dressed women, some with their husbands.

As the trains drew out on the journey to the port of Harwich, several of the women gave the general bouquets of carnations and tulips. The generals replied by filling them.

Field Marshal Von Rundstedt, Von Brauchitsch and Von Manstein were in the party. Von Rundstedt and Von Manstein are in bad health and Von Brauchitsch is writing his memoirs. They will not be allowed to settle here as ordinary citizens. —Reuter.

## Sweetening The Gold Dollar Pot

Canberra, May 12.—Australian contributed the equivalent of US\$12,500,000 to the Empire dollar pool in gold exports to Britain for the nine months ended March 31. It was disclosed today.

The gold exports amounted to 355,000 ounces and Australia is sending all current gold production to Britain to help meet the dollar crisis.

But gold production in March continued to slump. Sixty-five thousand fine ounces were produced, eight percent less than March, 1947. —Reuter.

## Barge Trip On Seine For Royal Couple?

Paris, May 12.—Plans were made today for Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh to glide through the heart of Paris on board a barge on the river Seine to next Saturday's reception.

Captain Howard Johnston, British Embassy Naval attache made a test voyage along the route. His decision, however, is subject to approval by French police officials responsible for security arrangements.

One possible objection was the fact that such a trip would carry the Princess and her husband underneath a series of bridges. If the barge voyage is approved, thousands of Parisians will get a fair glimpse of the Princess.

Workmen are putting the finishing touches to the exhibition of eight centuries of British life in Paris, which the Princess is to open formally with a message in French on Friday afternoon. —Associated Press.

### RAILWAY PRECAUTIONS

Paris, May 12.—A police inspector will be stationed every kilometre of the 513 km. Dunkirk to Paris railway on Friday to guard the train carrying Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh to the French capital for their Whitsun visit.

Each of the 513 officers will be responsible for a zone extending from three to five kilometres each side of the line. Special security check-ups have already been made in these zones.

Besides this, all the special security measures for journeys by the French President or visiting heads of state will be taken throughout the weekend.

Careful checks have already been made in Paris and other big cities of France on persons in the "watched" list of the security police. —Reuter.

### Death Sentence To Remain

Vienna, May 12.—The Austrian Parliament today voted by 102 to 29 to retain capital punishment as an emergency measure to combat postwar crime.

The Austrian constitution which abolished the death sentence was amended after the war because of the high crime rate. The police recorded 172 murders in the past eight months.

For the first time in Austrian history members of Parliament were not bound by their parties of vote en bloc. However, all members of the People's Party voted to retain the death penalty while all the four Communist deputies opposed it. —United Press.

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